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[redacted] it is then presumably forwarded to the Soviet Bloc.

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Since the nickel arrives in Switzerland as goods in transit, it does not need a Swiss "Blue" certificate. Between March 1956 and February 1957 there were 23 shipments, amounting to 64,286 kilos of nickel. The origin of the nickel is not known. The substance of the information has been discussed with Netherlands and Swedish authorities and investigations are believed to be under way. It is planned to present the case to COCOM.

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Embassy Athens was informed that 50 tons of cobalt alleged to be of US
origin had been accumulated in Hamburg from shipments of small lots and that there
is a group which plans to divert the quantity remaining in Hamburg to Czechoslovakia
through various intermediaries.

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